

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" per side	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Members are advised that the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2775 was adopted yesterday.

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 2775](#) – “No Subsidies Without Verification Act” (Rep. Black – Energy and Commerce/Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would prohibit federal financial assistance from being provided to individuals who purchase health coverage through the new state exchanges until a new, duplicative and unnecessary income verification program is in place. Specifically, no insurance premium tax credits or reductions in cost-sharing would be allowed until the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services verifies the eligibility of all applicants. The bill would create vague standards for the Inspector General, whose office has never performed this type of review. Since the role of the Inspector General is to investigate and conduct oversight on government agencies and not on individuals, under this bill, the Inspector General would essentially need to create an entire new system, which would mean that subsidies and tax credits would not be able to start on January 1, 2014.

The Affordable Care Act is structured to permit advance payment of premium tax credits directly to the Exchange plans so that families obtain real-time assistance instead of waiting for a tax refund after the end of the year. Exchanges are responsible for verifying applicants’ incomes and employer-coverage information in order to accurately determine who is eligible for tax credits and subsidies. H.R. 2775 is unnecessary because the Secretary of Health and Human Services has already put in place an effective and efficient system for verification of eligibility for premium tax credits and cost sharing reductions. Passage of H.R. 2775 would delay tax credits and cost-sharing reductions that will otherwise be provided to millions of Americans, driving up out-of-pocket health care costs for millions of Americans and reducing timely access to much-needed and long-denied affordable coverage.

This bill is simply another effort by Republicans to undermine the Affordable Care Act and would essentially be the 41st vote to repeal or defund health reform. The bill would indefinitely undercut one of the central provisions of the health care law – the provision of federal subsidies to ensure that health care coverage is affordable for low- and middle-income households. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Bill Text for H.R. 2775:

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The Daily Quote

“A Republican plan to let conservatives cast a vote against ‘Obamacare’ without risking a government shutdown ran into a wall of opposition from the party's right wing on Wednesday, and leaders delayed any votes on it until at least next week.”

- Reuters, 9/11/13

“Another symbolic vote against Obamacare is meaningless.”

- Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), AP, 9/10/13